## **ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE MM**

<u>Don't be fooled.</u> This Measure is about greed at taxpayer expense - it is <u>not</u> about access to medical marijuana. There are thirty companies that deliver medical marijuana to Long Beach, <u>today</u>. Even if you are in favor of medical marijuana, beware this Measure is about lining the pockets of dispensary owners at the expense of Long Beach citizens. Here are the facts you need to know:

- If passed, the City's Director of Financial Management determined this Measure <u>will</u> cause a <u>net loss</u> to the City of \$5 to \$7 million dollars. Your tax dollars will have to make up that loss.
- If passed, this Measure reduces or eliminates the tax on marijuana previously approved the Long Beach voters in 2014. More greed at taxpayer expense.
- History showed us that for each permitted dispensary that opens in Long Beach 3-7 illegal dispensaries will open as well. However, this Measure <u>prohibits</u> Long Beach from making dispensary owners to pay the cost to regulate dispensaries or close down illegal dispensaries.
- This time the crime will be worse because the dispensary owners included language that prohibits a police officer from even entering a dispensary absent a search warrant. What other business in the State is so afraid of the proper enforcement of the law that police officers cannot even walk in?
- This Measure allows deliveries to 18 year-old children! Even Dr. Sanjay Gupta, a marijuana supporter, has cautioned that he would not allow his children to have marijuana "until they are in their mid-20s when their brains are fully developed." How does this measure protect our children?

A yes vote is a vote for higher taxes, lower property values and more crime.

This Measure does **NOT** "Regulate Medical Marijuana", it gives tax dollars to marijuana dispensary owners. Don't be fooled.

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